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FIRST MODIFICATION OF GOVERNOR'S STAY AT HOME ORDER: RETAIL OPERATIONS WITH CURBSIDE PICKUP ALLOWED TO OPERATE FRIDAY

May 6, 2020 - Governor Gavin Newsom announced that California will be prepared to move into the early phase of Stage 2 reopening this Friday, May 8. In anticipation of this announcement, the Unified Command Emergency Operations Center (EOC) has been working to ensure that Mono County and Mammoth Lakes will be ready.

Specifically, this Friday "lower-risk retail workplaces" including bookstores, clothing stores, florists, and sporting goods stores, will be allowed to open as follows:

- 1) Retail businesses may open for curbside pickup operations; and
- 2) Supply and manufacturing operations related to the increase in retail activities may resume operations.

Official guidelines from the State have not yet been released but the County is prepared to work with each business prior to reopening to ensure the health and safety of both employees and customers. However, in the absence of State guidance, Mono County and Mammoth Lakes retailers who choose to offer curbside pickup operations shall adhere to the following:

- Customers are not allowed inside the retail establishment;
- All physical distancing guidelines are to be followed;
- Hand cleaning/sanitizer must be provided for customers and employees;
- All employees and customers must wear masks/face coverings as per Mono County Health Order;
- Specific pickup areas that can be accessed safely by customers shall be clearly delineated;

- Goods to be picked up may be ordered online, by phone or by other electronic means in advance of collection;
- The retail shop may accept delivery of goods and materials;
- Services to maintain computer, POS, other electronic systems are allowed;
- Facilities that manufacture, deliver or support the logistics of delivery of goods to retail stores may operate; and
- All services supporting retail operations must incorporate the use of face coverings, use hand washing/sanitizer and adhere to physical distancing requirements.

In the time since the EOC was established on March 15, Mono County and the Town of Mammoth Lakes have successfully flattened the local infection rate and built capacity in community support, public health contact tracing and testing, hospital surge capacity, pre/post hospital patient support, emergency services support, and personal protective equipment (PPE) reserves. We also better understand our capacity limits and trigger points using a fully integrated case management database.

Mono County and the Town of Mammoth Lakes have established clinically based “Guidelines for Business Reopening,” to be implemented in collaboration with local businesses. On May 1, the EOC submitted its “Readiness to Enter Stage 2 Modifications of Governor Newsom’s Stay at Home Order” plan to the State.

We know that with each modification to the Stay at Home Order we can expect to see a rise in COVID-19 positive cases – the threat of this pandemic virus remains very real. The projected number of deaths expected in the United States is rising as jurisdictions ease up on restrictions. We must be careful to protect our community. Mono County and the Town of Mammoth Lakes want to see our businesses and communities reopen as soon as possible when it is safe and responsible to do so. The local business guidelines that have been developed are a key element in ensuring our success. We will continue to keep residents and the business community informed of our progress and additional information as it becomes available.

Distance. Wash. Cover and #StayHomeMono!

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